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REPUBLICANS GET DOWN TO BUSINESS

Convention Organizes and Then Adjourns to Await Report on Rules and Platform.

A. G. M. Robertson is Elected as Chairman. Achi Starts to Make Trouble and Is Turned Down.

The Republican County Convention was formally opened last evening, only to take a recess until this evening after effecting a temporary organization. There was just a hint here and there of trouble, but the adjournment came with the delegates in the best of mood. An effort by Achi to resist the alleged dictation of the Republican Central committee was stamped down, but it gave an inkling of what may occur this evening, when the actual fight on the nominations begins. A. G. M. Robertson was elected temporary chairman of the convention and B. P. Zablan was chosen as secretary. These officers will probably be made the permanent ones. R. N. Boyd is the interpreter.

CRABBE CALLS CONVENTION.

Senator Crabbe, as chairman of the Republican Central Committee, called the convention to order shortly before eight o'clock. The convention hall, the Kilohana Art League gallery, was packed. The Fifth District delegates were seated on the right and the Fourth District men on the left. Both doors and hallways were packed with interested spectators but the intense heat soon emptied the hall of all who had no particular business there. Every precinct was represented but one, the Seventh of the Fourth—Waimanalo. T. H. Hughes, the only delegate from that precinct, was absent, and he also was the only delegate who was not present. Every delegation was full or represented by proxy.

Senator Crabbe said in calling the meeting to order that he did so at the request of the Central Committee. He suggested that the district delegates take separate sides of the hall, which was done. He said also that because of the heat he would not attempt an address.

He then announced that the first order of business would be the selection of the committee on credentials, and the chairman was authorized to make the appointment. Senator Crabbe appointed Chas. Hustace and J. H. Boyd from the Fourth, and E. C. Winston and W. C. Achi from the Fifth. The committee immediately reported that the delegates present were entitled to their seats, and Secretary Coney then called the roll.

A FEW PROXIES.

J. H. Boyd asked if proxies would be permitted, to which Chairman Crabbe replied in the affirmative. At the suggestion of Geo. B. McClellan those holding proxies sent them to the secretary's desk. O. C. Swain held the proxy of Sam. Johnson, W. H. Kallimal held that of E. W. Devauchelle, J. H. Boyd held that of Duke Kahanamoku.

Senator Crabbe announced that the next order of business would be to complete the organization, and Lorin Andrews moved that the convention proceed to the election of temporary chairman and secretary.

ATKINSON DECLINES.

W. W. Harris placed in nomination the name of A. G. M. Robertson for chairman. Judge Hookano nominated A. L. C. Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson arose in his seat and announced, "I decline with thanks," and his name was withdrawn.

B. P. Zablan arose to ask if the nominations were closed and G. B. McClellan raised the point of order that they

could not be closed upon objection from one man.

"I think you are both wrong," remarked Chairman Crabbe.

ACHI SCENTS DICTATION.

Senator Achi said that the convention was starting in the wrong way; that the temporary chairman should have been appointed at the opening of the convention. "This time," he said, "it seems as if the Republican Central Committee took the matter in its own hands and organized the convention. The temporary chairman should have been appointed when we first met, and he should have appointed the committee on credentials. What we have done now is not according to rule, and to appoint a temporary chairman now, would be of no use, as his work is already done. All we can do now is to permanently organize."

CRABBE EXPLAINS.

"For the benefit of Senator Achi," said Senator Crabbe, "I will say that the Republican Central Committee decided that the chairman should take control of this convention until it is properly organized, and it cannot be organized properly until there has been a decision as to who the members are. That made it necessary to appoint a committee on credentials. That was what the district committee has done on the other islands, and until such an organization is effected it was impossible to tell who are properly delegates. The remarks of Senator Achi are entirely uncalled for. Further nominations for temporary chairman will now be received. That is the only business before the convention now."

KAULUKOU SIDES WITH ACHI.

Judge Kaulukou moved a reconsideration of the action already taken and said that the selection of a temporary chairman would only be a waste of time. He moved to elect a permanent chairman.

"The work of the temporary officers has not been completed," replied Crabbe, "there must be a committee on rules and a committee on organization."

"The permanent chairman can attend to that work," said Kaulukou.

"I have here Section 5 of the Rules," Achi started to say.

"I'll rule that out of order," interrupted Crabbe. "The only business before the convention is the selection of a temporary chairman."

Achi insisted on quoting from the rules, and read the section to show that the central committee's powers ended when the meeting had been called to order. "The Central Committee has nothing more to do with this, the convention should select its officers," said Achi. "The committee can't dictate to this convention and these proceedings are not regular. The Central Committee is trying to carry on the convention."

"Sit down," came from several parts of the hall, accompanied by stamping of feet and the objector sat down.

A. V. Gear moved that the nominations be closed, the motion was carried and the secretary then cast the ballot for Robertson for chairman.

ROBERTSON AS CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Robertson was escorted to the chair by a committee composed of J. H. Boyd, S. F. Chillingworth and H. C. Vida and Boyd simply said, "I introduce to you your temporary chairman."

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DISASTER THREATENED TO OUR JURISPRUDENCE

Constitutional Point is Mooted Which May Destroy Almost the Entire Jurisdiction of District Magistrates in This Territory.

A constitutional question is liable to be raised in the courts at any day, which is fraught with disaster to the existing statutory apportionment of jurisdiction between the Circuit and the District courts of this Territory. Decided in a certain way it would reduce the jurisdiction of the District courts to the vanishing point. The well designed amendment of the Judiciary Act effected at this year's session of the Legislature, which by a new classification of crimes and misdemeanors gave original jurisdiction of minor offenses in greater proportion than formerly to District Magistrates, would through the eventuality in question be nullified. Not only so, but little if anything would be left for those functionaries.

The point spoken of here was actually raised by J. M. Matthewman, who is secretary of the Bar Association, before District Magistrate Dickey about five months ago. In accordance with his usual practice, Judge Dickey declined to rule on the constitutional question. It was not carried higher, but having become a topic of legal conversation, there is no telling when it may bob up in one of the Circuit courts.

Mr. Matthewman, in his Korean cases researches, ran across a Federal decision (163 U. S. Reports p. 223), where the Supreme Court of the United States held that imprisonment of any kind or duration, upon a conviction, constitutes infamy and the offense found an infamous offense.

The case in question was that of Wong Wing et al, vs. United States. Plaintiffs were two Chinese detained in the house of correction at Detroit for being unlawfully in the country.

They were released under a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that they were held for an infamous offense, shown by the fact of imprisonment though this lasted short of two months, contrary to the provision of the constitution that no person can be imprisoned for an infamous offense without having been indicted by a grand jury.

It was to save the trouble and expense of bringing petty offenders before the grand jury that the Territorial law has just been amended by drawing a line between crimes and misdemeanors, which makes all offenses punishable by imprisonment for more than one year crimes and all by a shorter term misdemeanors. By their increasing the number of offenses with a maximum of one year's imprisonment, it was intended to reduce the number of persons to whom the infamy of crime attached who should be committed for grand jury investigation.

According to Mr. Matthewman's interpretation of the Federal decision quoted, no person can be lawfully imprisoned for any term, however short, without indictment by a grand jury.

This provision does not apply to the laws of States, but only to those of Territories. The Detroit case was one of imprisonment under Federal law. States, as the books show—have the power of nullifying this provision in their own jurisprudence. It is the same with the Federal constitutional provision that in suits involving more than twenty dollars either party has the right to a jury trial on demand. Different States have copied this provision but with different amounts at pleasure, Connecticut for instance, having a limit of thirty dollars.

Should the event happen which is here stated as possible, nothing but an Act of Congress could restore Hawaiian jurisprudence to its present common-sense position.

FIFTH DISTRICT CAUCUS MAKES A CHANGE IN THE SITUATION

No Telling What the Convention Will Do—Pratt Wins Opposition and Cathcart Wins Out—The Supervisors.

Yesterday's caucus of the Fifth District Republicans developed some surprises and a few sensations. The change of the party caucus from that of last week was startling. There was a complete reversal in the line-up of the delegates from the Fifth in the caucus held during the afternoon in Republican headquarters on Fort street.

Frank Pahia, a former deputy sheriff on the other side of the island, and Clas B. Dwight, ex-road supervisor for Honolulu, will be the candidates for supervisor in the Fifth. One received forty-five and the other forty-six votes. E. C. Winston withdrew his name as a candidate. Carl On Tai received five votes and two votes were cast for a fourth candidate. The nomination of Dwight and Pahia seems certain at the district convention, unless there is another big change.

There was no vote taken on the candidates for supervisor at large, the district not wishing to take such action until after the conference with the Fourth District. John C. Lane is the almost certain candidate from the Fifth.

For county attorney, John W. Cathcart received 30 votes as against 19 given to W. T. Rawlins. Rawlins was given a unanimous endorsement at the meeting held last week, and the reversal of action is the result of hard work on the part of Cathcart's friends. Rawlins is by no means out of the race,

and said yesterday that he intended to remain in the fight until the finish. The turn down of Rawlins in the caucus only came after a long and bitter fight. W. C. Achi championed Rawlins' cause most vigorously, claiming that the party could not go back on the action of last Wednesday's meeting. Achi was bitterly attacked for his stand and finally quit the meeting in anger.

The line-up on assessor was also a surprise. The vote in the caucus showed J. W. Pratt to have but twenty-four votes, while George Lucas, a new Richmond in the field, received twenty-five. Lucas only entered the list within the last day or two and his nomination in the caucus was somewhat of a surprise to some delegates. Mr. Lucas is at present first deputy clerk for the Supreme Court.

For auditor Isaac Sherwood received thirty-eight votes, to eleven cast for A. J. Campbell.

For county clerk Henry Vida was given the unanimous endorsement of the district, although both Murray and Savidge received some votes on the first ballots.

For sheriff and surveyor there was no contest and A. M. Brown and Robert N. Boyd were promised the solid support of the delegates.

S. E. Damon was the unanimous choice of the caucus for treasurer.

CHANCES IN CONVENTION.

There is still no telling what tonight's convention will do. The nominations are up in the air for most of the county

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INSURGENTS ARE SHORT OF AMMUNITION

Macedonia's General Uprising Will Be Postponed Awhile on That Account.

Albanians Are Entering Servian Territory. Guerrilla Tactics of the Insurgents. Trouble at Tiflis.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

SOFIA, Sept. 15.—The revolutionary leaders will adopt guerrilla tactics in Macedonia. A general rising is postponed for lack of ammunition. Several villages have lately been destroyed by the Turks and more massacres are reported. The Bulgarian army has not yet been mobilized.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 15.—One hundred insurgents have been killed in the Monastir district.

SALONICA, Sept. 15.—The insurgents claim to have annihilated a Turkish battalion.

VIENNA, Sept. 15.—The Albanians are invading Servian territory.

TIFLIS DISTURBED BY ANTI-SEMITIC RIOTS

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 15.—Serious anti-semitic disturbances are reported at Tiflis.

Tiflis is the capital of Transcaucasia and is situated on the Kur river. The place has a population of over one hundred thousand, composed of Russians, Georgians, Jews, Persians, Germans, and French. American missionaries have attempted to establish stations there many times but have met with failure owing to the oppressive laws of Russia. There have been serious labor and anti-Semitic disturbances in the district during the past six months.

THE CABINET INTACT.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Cabinet discussion of fiscal affairs has been closed for the present. A compromise will probably maintain the ministry as it is.

DE WITTE IN PARIS.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—M. de Witte, President of the Russian Ministerial Council, is here.

CHANGE REGATTA DAY PROGRAM

The Hawaiian Rowing Association met yesterday and made several changes in the program for Regatta Day. The Junior race was changed to an intermediate race, thus doing away with a protest which had been made by the Healanis to Giles rowing in the Myrtle junior crew. The objection was that he was not a junior. The decision to make an intermediate race will do away with the ground for the protest, and will permit both Giles and Church to enter.

Another change also cleared matters somewhat. This was a decision that the rule which prohibited any man from rowing in more than one race, be amended to permit oarsmen to row in the pair oared, although entered in some other race.

John A. Hughes stated last night that, deferring to the expressed wishes of many friends, he had decided to stay among the candidates for Supervisors of the Fourth District coming before the convention.

FEDERAL JUSTICE AFTER G. A. DAVIS

It is understood that the Federal Department of Justice will investigate the disbarment of George A. Davis so as to determine whether he should be expelled from the bar of the United States court. The investigation will be of Davis and his case and not of the Territorial Supreme Court, as the Bulletin, with its accustomed lack of accuracy, tries to make the fact appear.

BURGLAR MAKES A BIG HAUL

H. R. Tuck reported to the police yesterday afternoon that his residence on King street, near Pawaa lane, had been entered by a burglar or burglars between noon and 3 p. m. yesterday, and \$100 in cash stolen. The inmates of the house were absent during the time mentioned, and the thief had a free opportunity to ransack the place. A drawer in a dresser, the only one which had been locked, had been pried open and \$100 cash placed there for safekeeping was taken. Mr. Tuck found no clue.